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**“Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical.”**

-Yogi Berra

## Fall ball is in full swing....

We are into week 4 of our fall ball season. Mother nature has made herself known a couple of times, but we are getting back on schedule. A couple of things have been brought to my attention.

1. Parking....Families pay for the reserved parking spots and they are entitled to use them for the spring and fall seasons of each year. We ask that everyone please respect labeled parking spots for their owners. If you would like to purchase a spot next spring, we will have them as an option in our registration process next spring.

2. Parent conduct...I have yet to see any major league or minor league baseball teams offer any contracts or any colleges reward any scholarships at McAllister Park LL. I ask that parents please remember this. Several complaints have come through with regard to the overly-emotional involvement of parents in the stands. Comments about other team's players, coaches, parents and umpires are unacceptable and absolutely a disgrace. What are we teaching our children with this behavior? As a reminder here is an excerpt from our league rules which everyone should have seen:

-The actions of managers, coaches, parents, and volunteers have a tremendous influence on the behavior of the children in the league. All members of the league are requested to perform their various duties in a positive and constructive manner.

-Abusive behavior and language will not be tolerated by any member, player, or spectator. Disciplinary action for abusive behavior and language will be enforced by the Board of Directors.

-Any manager, coach, or league official who intentionally violates any Little League or local rules or regulations, exhibits abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior, or who fails to carry out assigned duties such as field maintenance, fund-raising, etc., may be removed by the Board of Directors of McAllister Park Little League.

3. TRASH....We are not Minute Maid Park nor Wolff stadium. We do not have fulltime janitors on staff. The cleanliness of each and every field DEPENDS UPON YOU. We ask that everyone please drop their trash in the trashcans at the conclusion of every game.





## New 2018 Spring bat rules

Testing and evaluating of youth baseball bats has evolved into a science. So much so that the standard has also evolved to where USA Baseball, the national governing body for the sport of baseball in the United States, is adopting a new method for measuring bat performance in the testing of youth bats that will go into effect on January 1, 2018. The new USA Baseball bat standard (USABat), was developed by a USA Baseball committee of scientific experts.

Effective on January 1, 2018, Little League Baseball® will adhere to the new USABat standard. No bats previously approved for use in Little League Play (Junior League Baseball and below) will be permitted to be used in any Little League game or practice, or other Little League function, event, or activity. For more information on the USABat standard and a complete list of bats approved through the USABat Standard, visit [usabat.com](http://usabat.com).

What this means for local Little Leagues, and Little League baseball players in the Tee Ball through Junior League Divisions, as well as Little League Challenger Division®, is that all current Little League-approved bats can be used during the 2017 Little League regular season and throughout tournament play, but can no longer be used starting in 2018. All of Little League's current bat regulations will remain in effect until December 31, 2017. Be aware that this new bat standard effects Little League Baseball only. **There are no changes to the bat standard or regulations for Little League Softball®.**

Please note that the logos below will be the ONLY acceptable bats in Little League starting Jan 2018. Bats with the USSSA logo and previous LL bat logos will not be acceptable. Acceptable bats will either be 2 ¼" dia or 2 5/8" dia barrel with the USA baseball logo as shown below. Any USSSA bats that are 2 5/8" or 2 ¾" dia bats with the logo below **ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Here's a link to Little League's website for further information: [Little league link about bat info](#).

### YES ACCEPTABLE



### NOT ACCEPTABLE





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## Survey

We will be putting together an end of season survey for everyone to participate in this coming November. Please keep an eye out for a link to it.

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## Spring Registration coming...

If you are already looking ahead to the Spring season, we have already planned divisions, pricing as well as critical dates. There will be an early bird registration for returning players will begin on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the website for divisions and pricing.

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## Calling all managers

Every season, there are always several openings for managers in our majors division. Managers are interviewed by a committee and selected to a team. Interviews will be the first week of December. Anyone interested in applying for a manager's job, please send a note to [mpllpres@gmail.com](mailto:mpllpres@gmail.com). We will add you to the list to receive any correspondence about the upcoming interviews.

All other divisions as well will have a need for managers. We ask you to please consider giving of your time and coach a team this coming spring season. Please send an email to your league VP to have your name added to the list for next season.



Please remember this is YOUR LITTLE LEAGUE and YOUR PARK. Without you, this league does not exist.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments about McAllister Park Little League, please send me a note at [mpllpres@gmail.com](mailto:mpllpres@gmail.com).